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Dear Mike:

I appreciated your letter of 5 December about my Land Grant Colleges talk, and I venture to send you a copy of an address I made at Princeton last Wednesday. Don't bother to read it but you might be interested in looking at the marked passages which relate to the general subject matter of your letter.

A year and a half ago, in an address I made at the Columbia University graduation exercises, I predicted that massive education in the USSR was a real threat to the Soviet system. I believe that prediction is coming true, even more rapidly than I could have hoped, and I would agree with the very able former British Ambassador that at least drastic evolution will bring about further dramatic changes over the coming years.

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GARDNER COWLES, President and Editor

December 5, 1956

Dear Allen:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your talk before the Land Grant Colleges Association. I liked the speech very much and also what the newspapers reported of your recent speech at Yale.

In spite of the brutality in Hungary, I am convinced what the historians would call "erosion from dictatorship" is occurring in all of the satellites and in the Soviet Union itself.

When I was in Moscow last May, Sir William Hayter, the British Ambassador, told me in confidence that he would not be surprised to see revolution, even in the Soviet Union itself, within a few years. He seemed to sense great unrest and increasing inefficiency in the sprawling governmental bureaucracy.

The next four years may bring exciting new events. It is an enormous relief to me to have President Eisenhower in the White House in these uncertain times.

Sinderely, /

Mr. Allen W. Dulles Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C.